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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant discloses the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,173,836, inventor Cooper, issued January 16, 2001;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,715,984, inventor Deschenes, issued February 10, 1998;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,456,123, inventor Russell, issued June 26, 1984;
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,288,017, inventor Russell, issued September 8, 1981;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,039,078, inventor Bone, issued August 2, 1977; and
6. U.S. Patent No. 3,494,004, inventor Bone, issued February 10, 1970..

Copies of the foregoing documents are provided with this paper. In addition, these documents are listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

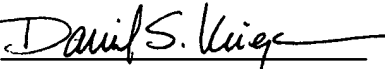
This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists and does not constitute an admission that the enclosed documents constitute "prior art."

Applicant reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present invention.

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Respectfully submitted,

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